

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

HONORABLE NANCY G. EDMUNDS

No. 12-CR-20030

D-1 JEFFREY BEASLEY,  
D-4 PAUL STEWART,  
D-5 RONALD ZAJAC,

Defendants.

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3 1:04 p.m.

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5 THE COURT: Good afternoon. Be seated. Well, don't  
6 be seated. I'll pull the jury in. We have a note from the  
7 jury indicating that they've reached a verdict.

8 (Jury in 1:04 p.m.)

9 THE COURT: Be seated. Mr. Foreperson, I understand  
10 that you've reached a verdict. Is that correct?

11 THE FOREPERSON: We have, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Do you have your verdict form?

13 THE FOREPERSON: I do.

14 THE COURT: May I see it, please?

15 THE FOREPERSON: Yes.

16 (Brief pause.)

17 THE COURT: With your permission, I'll read the  
18 responses, the verdict, to the assembled courtroom. And let me  
19 remind you, please, all, this is a court of law. I know you'll  
20 have emotional reactions to the verdicts. You need to keep it  
21 under control while you're in this courtroom.

22 We, the jury, after due deliberation, find the  
23 following unanimous verdict on the charges in the indictment:

24 On Count 1, conspiracy, Jeffrey Beasley, guilty;  
25 Paul Stewart, guilty; Ronald Zajac, guilty.

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1 On Count 2, interference with commerce by extortion,  
2 the birthday party, Jeffrey Beasley, guilty.

3 On Count 3, the Robert Shumake cash,  
4 Jeffrey Beasley, not guilty.

5 On Count 4, interference with commerce by extortion,  
6 the Syncom investment, Jeffrey Beasley, guilty.

7 On Count 5, interference with commerce in the  
8 Chauncey Mayfield Las Vegas trip, Jeffrey Beasley, not guilty.

9 On Count 6, the Steven Burns, Townsend Group,  
10 Jeffrey Beasley, not guilty.

11 On Count 7, the vacation to the Turks and Caicos  
12 Islands, Jeffrey Beasley, guilty.

13 Carol, would you please poll the jury.

14 THE CLERK: Juror number 1, was that and is that  
15 your verdict?

16 JUROR NO. 1: Yes.

17 THE CLERK: Juror number 2, was that and is that  
18 your verdict?

19 JUROR NO. 2: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Juror number 3, was that and is that  
21 your verdict?

22 JUROR NO. 3: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Juror number 4, was that and is that  
24 your verdict?

25 JUROR NO. 4: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Juror number 5, was that and is that  
2 your verdict?

3 JUROR NO. 5: Yes.

4 THE CLERK: Juror number 6, was that and is that  
5 your verdict?

6 JUROR NO. 6: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Juror number 7, was that and is that  
8 your verdict?

9 JUROR NO. 7: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Juror number 8, was that and is that  
11 your verdict?

12 JUROR NO. 8: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Juror number 9, was that and is that  
14 your verdict?

15 JUROR NO. 9: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Juror number 10, was that and is that  
17 your verdict?

18 JUROR NO. 10: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Juror number 11, was that and is that  
20 your verdict?

21 JUROR NO. 11: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Juror number 12, was that and is that  
23 your verdict?

24 JUROR NO. 12: Yes.

25 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your

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1 attentive, patient, conscientious service in this case. I know  
2 how hard you worked, I know how difficult this was for you, and  
3 you have done a great service by your attention and patience to  
4 the facts and argument in this case.

5 I'll be happy to talk with you for a little bit,  
6 answer any questions that you have, but you don't have to wait  
7 around for me if you don't want to. You're welcome to leave.

8 You're also free to speak to anyone you want about  
9 this case. It's often -- the attorneys often would like to  
10 speak to you to get your input on some of the issues and some  
11 of the things that went on during the trial. You're welcome to  
12 speak with them if you wish. If you prefer not to, all you  
13 have to say is, "I don't want to discuss it," and they won't  
14 push you any further.

15 As I said, you're welcome to wait. It will take me  
16 a minute or two to finish up in here. I thank you and I know I  
17 speak on behalf of the government, defendants and all defense  
18 counsel who thank you for being here every day, paying  
19 attention, taking notes and talking through every bit of  
20 evidence in this case before you reached your verdict.

21 None of us minimizes for a second how difficult this  
22 was. Thank you. And you are excused.

23 THE CLERK: All rise.

24 (Jury out 1:09 p.m.)

25 THE COURT: You may be seated.

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1 Mr. Stewart, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Zajac, you have all  
2 been found guilty of some or all of the charges against you.

3 The next procedure would be to proceed to post-trial  
4 motions and ultimately to sentencing, but I have no reason to  
5 revoke your bond. I'm going to let you stay on bond on the  
6 same terms and conditions as you were pretrial pending  
7 sentencing in this case.

8 MR. PISZCZATOWSKI: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 MR. HALL: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 MR. CARES: Thank you.

11 THE COURT: You are free to go.

12 MR. CARES: Your Honor, we would ask that the  
13 no-contact provision as to each of these defendants be removed.  
14 It's no longer necessary.

15 THE COURT: And I'll remove that.

16 We can give you a tentative sentencing date if you  
17 want it. Obviously, it's subject to change, but -- and a  
18 referral to probation.

19 THE CLERK: April 21st. Do you want them all  
20 separate or -- I'll call each of you and set a date.

21 MR. PISZCZATOWSKI: Oh, okay.

22 THE COURT: It will be sometime toward the end of  
23 April.

24 MR. PISZCZATOWSKI: Your Honor, with respect to a  
25 Rule 33, I know it's a 14-day limitation. Does -- I don't know



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1     how the Court proceeds on that. Do you want us to file some  
2     type of bare bones motion and ask for an extension? I don't  
3     know that we're going to be able to have the entire motion  
4     prepared within 14 days, and I don't know if the Court has the  
5     authority at this juncture, or how you generally proceed in  
6     that matter.

7             THE COURT: File a bare bones motion with a one-page  
8     brief, ask for an extension, it's no problem. I'll be happy to  
9     give it to you.

10            MR. PISZCZATOWSKI: Thank you, Your Honor.

11            THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

12            Counsel, this was a very intense, very fraught, hard  
13     case to try. You all did a super professional job, and it was  
14     a pleasure to have you here in my court. I thank you for your  
15     hard work in this matter.

16            And I'll tell the -- if you want to wait, I'll tell  
17     the jurors again that they're welcome to speak with you if they  
18     wish.

19            MR. JONES: Will you let us know if they're okay  
20     with that, or we just stay outside?

21            THE COURT: You can just wait here, and, again, if  
22     they say they don't want to talk, I promised them that they  
23     don't have to. But they're welcome to talk to you. Sometimes  
24     they want to, so I can't tell you.

25            I will tell you, I know, because the jury room is

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1 accessible, that they worked very hard on this case. I'm sure  
2 you know that. Thank you.

3 If you would wait in here, you're welcome to stay in  
4 the courtroom.

5 (Proceedings adjourned at 1:12 p.m.)  
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10 C E R T I F I C A T I O N

11 I, Suzanne Jacques, Official Court Reporter for the United  
12 States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern  
13 Division, hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct  
14 transcript of the proceedings in the above-entitled cause on the  
15 date set forth.  
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